



Book Activity Sheet

What Will I Be?

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This cute story is told using riddles. Readers are given clues about certain things associated with different occupations.

Things to Talk About:

There are many occupations mentioned in the story.

Diversity: Can boys and girls have the same job? Some children might say that only men can be police officers and firefighters. Other children may say that only women can be teachers and dancers. Try to help children realize that it doesn't matter whether a boy or a girl does a certain job, as long as the job is completed and the job is done well.

Personal Choice/Preferences: Ask the children which types of jobs they would like to try and why these jobs appeal to them. Take your child to your workplace or the workplaces of other people to expose them to the types of jobs and careers that will become available to them as they grow older. For example, if you visit a bakery, ask the employees to tell your child about the kinds of things that happen in a bakery on a daily basis. Ask the employees to share the favorite part of their job and the part of their job they like the least.

Community Helpers: Explain to children that some people have jobs or careers that allow them to help other people. While you are out and about in the community, use teachable moments to point out people who serve others. For example, while you are at the post office, explain that the postal workers help sort and deliver the mail that we need. Ask your child what might happen if we didn't have specific kinds of community helpers.

Activities to Do:

1. Community Helper Collage

You Will Need: various magazines & newspapers, scissors, glue, poster board or construction paper.

What to Do: Make a community helper collage. Let the children look through magazines, newspapers, etc... and help them pick out community helpers. When they finish their collage, have them dictate a sentence about what type of community helper they would like to be.

2. Occupation in a Bag Day

You Will Need: grocery bags (paper or plastic will work)

What to Do: While discussing the role of many familiar community helpers (police officers, fire fighters, doctors, etc...) some children may feel left out because the occupations of their family members may not fit into traditional career categories. With "Occupation in a Bag Day" each child can talk to their parents and family members about their jobs and then the children can bring in anything that fits in a brown grocery bag (or plastic bag) to describe the job of a family member.

Each child can share the contents of the bag with the rest of the children and can wear the uniform or show the rest of the class the items that their family member uses while at work.

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